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QF's ABP Receives New 2017-2018 Class Students for Orientation

Doha: 3 August 2017 – Under Pre-University Education The Academic Bridge Program (ABP), a center of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, organized an orientation event for 220 new students at the Learning Resource Center, located at the ABP building on the campus of the Qatar Foundation.

During the meeting, the 2017-2018 class students were introduced to the program facilities, policies and activities, as well as the officers, faculty, and staff members, with whom they will work during the upcoming academic year. The orientation included an introductory speech delivered by ABP Director, Dr. Bryan Lewallen, in which he welcomed the new students. Afterwards, the students walked around the building to familiarized themselves with its facilities and services.

Dr. Bryan said: "Our faculty and staff members work hard for everything to run smoothly on the very first day of the new academic year. We look forward to a very successful and rewarding year ahead." He added: "I am very proud of our ABP students and the continuous accomplishments they achieve."

Speaking on the first day of orientation, Dr. Bryan welcomed the students and provided them with important information about the program. The Assistant Director for the Students Services Ms.Moza Al Boainin gave a speech to motivate the students and an ice breaking activity. Subsequently, the students were divided into groups so that they could be introduced to the program's excellent facilities. They were taken on a tour around the Science and English sections, Student Services, Administration offices and labs, In addition students pass by the EC universities representatives that were invited to provide to the students some information about the Universities. . Lunch with new students was the last activity of the first day of orientation.

As for the second day of orientation, Dr. Mark Newmark started by giving a simple presentation on the events and activities that the students would be engaging in. A representative from QF recreation & facilities explains to the students about what services QF are giving to the students. They were then divided into groups, and were taken to classrooms led by the faculty, who gave



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them short session about study skills such as time management and note-taking, which would make the future studies easier for them.

new students had taken the Accuplacer test. The ABP administrators and department supervisors use the results to place each student at the appropriate level in English, mathematics, science, and computer skills.

Since its inception in 2001, the Program has graduated about 2,900 students, more than 85% of them enrolled at English-speaking universities in Qatar, USA, UK, or other countries abroad. In addition, the entire ABP faculty has experience ranging from 7 to 25 years – 15 years in average. Most of them have at least one master's degree, and some hold doctoral degrees.

The mission of the Academic Bridge Program (ABP), a center of Qatar Foundation that operates under Pre-University Education office, is to provide high school students graduated from Qatar schools and other similar schools with the academic and personal skills for success in reputable English-language universities, with special emphasis on preparing students for the universities in Qatar Foundation's Education City. Since its launch in 2001, the program has adapted model approach in teaching English, math, science, and computer skills, along with holding a broad range of activities including debates, a Model United Nations, school clubs and newspaper, sports teams, and students' union. The ABP accredited by the Commission on English Language Accreditation (CEA) in the United States. This makes it easier to fast-track ABP graduates into universities in the United States without the need for them to complete a university foundation year.

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